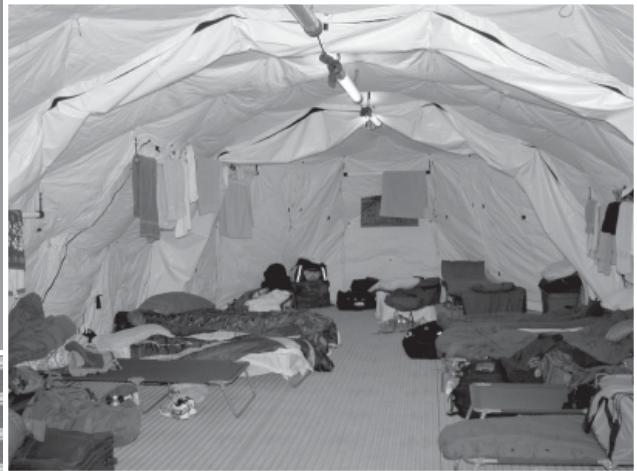




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*Celebrating Tradition Embracing Change*



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# From The Staff ...

**Major James F. Keathley  
Criminal Investigation Bureau**



Since 1931, the Missouri State Highway Patrol has been charged with many different functions outside its original mission of traffic enforcement and highway safety. When the citizens of Missouri voted to allow riverboat gambling, it was evident a professional background investigation and enforcement component would be essential. The Missouri Legislature realized the importance of this issue and, once again, the Patrol received a new, challenging mission.

In 1994, the Gaming Division was formed. The division has grown to an authorized strength of 110 members. Gaming Division responsibilities now include regulatory and criminal law enforcement in Missouri casinos, background investigations, and charitable games enforcement. During the last fiscal year, troopers assigned to the Gaming Division filed 1,244 criminal charges ranging from drug violations to gambling violations, assault, stealing, and kidnapping. In addition, troopers investigated hundreds of regulatory violations and enforced hundreds of compliance directives.

The Patrol's involvement in gaming enforcement and industry compliance is essential to maintaining the public trust. In addition, the Patrol's presence ensures the state receives its legally authorized share of tax revenues. The Patrol's involvement in riverboat gaming is one more function we have been empowered to police. As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, the Patrol will continue its proud tradition of providing quality police services in every assignment we are given, just as we started doing in 1931.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James F. Keathley". The signature is fluid and expressive, with varying line thicknesses.

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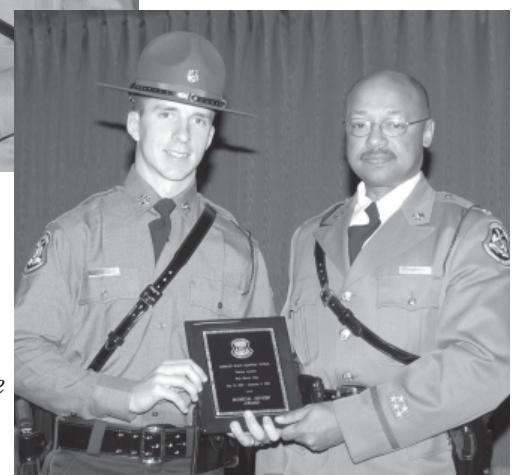
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*Lt. Col. Seibert presented the academic award to Trooper Joseph A. Veasman, who graduated with a 95.05 percent grade point average. The class average was 90.6 percent.*



*Lt. Col. Seibert presented the physical fitness award to Trooper Eric R. Kriete.*

### Cover

*The Mobile Command Unit set up on the beach, a first for this Missouri vehicle. Inset: (top) Missouri State Highway Patrol employees shared tents like this one while in Mississippi. (bottom) Amazingly, the Hard Rock Cafe icon was standing after Hurricane Katrina, even though the restaurant (and attached casino) was severely damaged. Both were scheduled to open the day the hurricane hit.*

# Hurricane Katrina Devastates Gulf Patrol Answers Call For Help

By Captain Robert E. Bloomberg, Q/GD

The superintendent and staff recognized the Patrol would likely be asked to assist with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort, so the Colonel communicated our willingness to help the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). Initially, the information received initially indicated the aid needed was limited to agencies able to provide a task force size response of 100 officers who were self sufficient for 72 hours. That would be a fairly tall order for any large agency, and eliminated the majority of police agencies around the country.

After several days of planning, assembling resources, identifying volunteers, and negotiating the proper paperwork channel, SEMA called and asked for a meeting to finalize the details of our response. Then, those being deployed were notified. The next issue to be dealt with was vaccinations. Opting for the maximum protection for the officers going to the area, the Patrol decided on a broad set of vaccinations and the officers obtained them locally or at Troop F, courtesy of the Cole County Health Department, as we left town.

The garage prepared vehicles for the detail that would not normally see police service — troop trucks, maintenance trucks, all-terrain vehicles, and MVI trailers. All vehicles were marked and made road ready for the 500-mile trip to the Gulf. The Supply Warehouse obtained a variety of items for the officers—bottled water, hand cleaner, sleeping bags, bug spray, MREs and snack items, first aid supplies, heavy rubber gloves, chain saws, and backpacks. In addition to providing personnel, the Communications Division prepared the Mobile Command Post with supplies and communication equipment for the detail, including MCDs, satellite phones, and a satellite linkup directly to headquarters in



*Members of the Patrol staff, Motor Equipment Division, and Communications Division met with those deploying to Mississippi prior to their departure.*

Jefferson City. Colonel Roger D. Stottlemyre and his staff met with members of the detail and wished them safety and luck for the duration of their assignment. Exactly what those duties would be was still unclear; however, a contact with the Mississippi Highway Patrol would provide more details en route.

The caravan departed Troop F at approximately 0830 hours on September 9, 2005. The first stop was the MoDOT facility in Hayti to meet the officers from the southern part of the state. Everyone arrived in good order, and after a short meeting and refueling of the vehicles, we headed south. As we left Tennessee and entered Mississippi, we contacted Lieutenant Jennings of the Mississippi Highway Patrol for any updates. He told us we would be spending the night at a staging area in Seminary, MS. Following a briefing the next morning, we would be deployed to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. He also gave us the name of a restaurant along the way able to ac-

commodate 56 people. As we went farther south, it became apparent that was going to be an issue.

Dinner went well, and we were treated to very local, southern hospitality and some really good catfish. The local residents were very appreciative of our coming to their area, and we met some people who had been displaced by the storm to this area. As we traveled farther south, we drove upon a rollover accident that had just occurred. When I say just occurred, I mean recently enough that we were the first vehicles to stop, but long enough that the driver had time to leave the scene. Funny how some things don't change from one part of the country to another. After the scene was stabilized and local authorities arrived, we were southbound again with about an hour left to arrive at our evening stop of Seminary.

A Mississippi trooper met us along the highway and led us to a high school in town, where we would spend

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the night. It was dark, but apparent the damage had reached this far north. Daylight would suggest a tornado had swept through the town. Nevada troopers had been there earlier in the day and we were told that New York troopers would be coming in behind us. The boys' locker room was available for showers; and a pharmacist and his family, who lived nearby, opened their home to the female officers on the detail for showers. Our contact there told us breakfast would be at 7 a.m. at a nearby church.

Once again, the community's appreciation was clear, and we heard more stories of what we would be encountering from persons who had moved to this area to escape the storm. Captain Dale A. Schmidt and I left Seminary to meet with Mississippi Highway Patrol officials in Gulfport, MS, with the hope of getting a clear indication of how and where we would be working. We learned our duty would be assisting the Biloxi Police Department, and relayed the information to the rest of our group in Seminary to start south for Biloxi.

The need was immediate and our first assignment was to secure access to U.S. Highway 90 and the first four blocks back from the Gulf Coast. This area was a high damage location, attracting sightseers and looters. Before the storm, the area contained resorts, hotels, casinos, restaurants, and other tourist attractions. Now, there were only piles of debris, rubble, and casinos, that had been washed a quarter of a mile inland from their moorings in the Gulf, scattered among a few houses



*Communications employees checked and rechecked the Mobile Command Center before taking it on the road to Mississippi.*

that had survived the storm surge. Following a briefing at the Biloxi Police Department, Capt. Schmidt and his officers moved to their posts and completed their first 24-hour shift. A combination of fatigue, heat, and the horrendous smell of rotting food, garbage, raw sewage, and dead bodies took its toll with several officers, who were treated for dehydration and associated heat-related ailments in the first few days. During their first tour, the command center for our operation was set up on the beach, a detailed description of the area was obtained, and maps were procured.

The officers who would relieve the first shift retired to their quarters, a tent-like shelter that was part of a "tent city" for the Mississippi troopers and our officers. Although, not the best accommodations, this was certainly much better than what we had prepared ourselves for. The remainder of our duties the first week would be to

control the area to which we were assigned. The relief of the first officers went smoothly and the day shift prepared for their first look at the devastation.

The importance of this assignment was heavy equipment had arrived and was in the process of removing debris. Highway equipment was tearing out pavement that had collapsed in many locations due to the erosion of the roadbed, and electrical service was being restored in the area. Restricting access allowed these functions to proceed in a timely and orderly manner with minimal disruption. Other officers patrolled what were once neighborhoods with ocean views, and did what they could to help local residents with the task of cleaning up or locating personal belongings that may still be in the area. In most cases, they would have to walk through the neighborhood to locate debris that resembled what their home used to look like, because the debris at the location where their home had been before the storm was not necessarily their home or their debris. It is



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*The "Katrina detail" leaves Troop F to begin its journey to Mississippi.*

# -Katrina

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difficult to convey the sadness our officers felt as they went about these duties. But, their presence and concern went a long way toward restoring hope to the residents who had experienced this total loss.

Our meals were a mix of Red Cross mobile canteen dinners, MREs, and a trip to a neighborhood school that had been converted into a feeding center for the public safety workers. The kitchen was staffed mostly by volunteers, but during the middle of our assignment, the U.S. Navy provided cooks and staff from a ship docked nearby to handle the task of getting hot meals out to the many workers.

As the week went on, the faces became familiar. Local residents recognized us, local police officers acknowledged us, and the many workers in the area came to appreciate our ability to make their work a little more manageable. Late in the week, the National Guard agreed to take over some of the traffic control points we had been manning, and in the other access areas permanent concrete barricades had been put in place to block vehicle traffic.

We identified our next assignment, which was to maintain order at Red Cross relief distribution centers. These distribution centers were areas where victims could receive vouchers for tem-

*Community Policing at its best: This young girl became attached to Cpl. Shannon W.*

*Crouch and didn't let him get too far away. Her family had been waiting outside a Red Cross relief distribution location for hours.*



porary financial assistance. It seems like order should be easy to maintain at this kind of location. The problem was the locations of these centers were usually announced on commercial radio in the evening, the night before they opened, and there was no mention of how many victims they would be able to serve. Frequently, 1,000 people may be in line at 7 a.m., when only 200 were going to be processed for assistance at that location. It should be getting clearer as to what our role was. Those first 200 were glad to see us, but that was not always the case with the remainder of the people. Once again, good communication skills by our people presented themselves and allowed us to complete this mission in good fashion. The relief center opera-

tion was sporadic, and the decision was made that our resources would be better utilized about 500 miles north. We discussed any pending needs with Major John Miller, of the Mississippi Highway Patrol, and decided to start home September 17.

The trip back was uneventful and the officers arrived home with memories, photos, and new friendships that will be a milestone in their careers. The observations these officers made, and the service they provided should generate great pride in their agency, and reinforce the idea that in policing, we are a leader.

As I told the superintendent, the men and women of the Missouri State Highway Patrol have once again represented our agency in the finest tradition. We can be very proud of their participation in this detail. I do not limit that observation to those who left the state, but to every employee, member, and communications person who stayed behind to make sure the business of the Patrol was performed to the highest standard, while we were delivering police services to the Gulf Coast ... Missouri style.

*Sgt. Eric A. Tilford, Q/GD, and Sgt. Jeffrey L. Smith, GD, verify the identity of a homeowner in a damaged area. Property owners were very appreciative of the police presence. ATVs allowed the officers to get into areas cars or trucks could not due to debris.*



# Ho! Ho! Ho!



*On December 11, 2005, approximately 80 individuals were present at the Troop I Christmas party, which was held at Zeno's Restaurant in Rolla. Everyone seemed to enjoy the party, but as this photo shows, the biggest thrill was when the children got to visit with Santa Claus!*

## Merry Christmas, MVI!

On Saturday evening, December 17, 2005, in the spirit of the holidays, the employees of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division at General Headquarters and their guests celebrated Christmas. Lt. and Mrs. David P. Perkins hosted the barbecue and carry-in dinner. Employees attending the Christmas party were Lt. Perkins, Assistant Director J. Bill Watkins, Clerk IV Carla J. West, Clerk Typist II Lesley M. Immekus, Clerk Typist III Marsha L. Behrens, Clerk Typist III Rose M. Kempker, Clerk Typist III Leslie R. Conger, Clerk Typist II Amy J. McIntyre, and MVI Analyst III Brenda J. Davis.

The employees of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division wish everyone a safe New Year filled with joy.

*Jason D. Dake, Carla J. West, and Brenda J. Davis are all smiles at the MVI Christmas gathering.*



## Troop A Adopts Louisiana Troopers

*By Sgt. John J. Hotz, Troop A*

Troop A employees decided to forgo our Christmas party this year. Instead, the money that would have been spent on the party was donated to two troopers from Louisiana whose lives were devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Troop A sent \$500 checks to Troopers Greg Vogt and Kerry Dangerfield. Both troopers' homes were devastated by the hurricane. Trooper Vogt and his wife, Rachel, have a one-year-old little girl named Olivia. They are currently living in a camper parked in their driveway. They lost virtually everything during the storm. Trooper Dangerfield and his wife, Dorable, have a seven-year-old son named Kerry and a one-year daughter named Hailey. They were displaced from their home, also. They are currently staying with family.

In a letter sent to each family, Captain Vincent Ellis pledged Troop A's continued support to our fellow troopers during this time of great need. He also expressed the hope that the money would brighten the holiday season for their families.

## MSHIP Responsibility

*The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs.*

—Joan Didion

# Troop B Continues Christmas Tradition

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

For many families, Christmas is about tradition, such as decorating a Christmas tree, making cookies, or simply spending time with and bringing cheer to those who are dear to you. For the past several years, Troop B employees have made their own tradition of giving to a family who might otherwise not be able to enjoy Christmas as well as others. This year, the Macon County Ministries provided us with a family consisting of a mom, dad, and eight children ranging from three to twelve years of age. Through donations received from Troop B employees and a raffle held at the troop Christmas party, \$775 was raised to purchase gifts, clothing, and food for the family. The Troop B secretarial staff took great care to make this a special Christmas event by purchasing and wrapping the gifts.

On December 21, Troop B employees loaded "Santa's" makeshift patrol car sled, and along with "Santa" himself (DDCC Lieutenant Mike Platte) made the special delivery to the rural Macon County family. One can only imagine the thoughts that went through the minds of the family, especially the children, as patrol cars with red lights flashing pulled up to the front of their house with Santa and all the gifts. Of course, Santa made the kids feel very special by being his jolly old self and presenting the gifts to them. I believe all of us have a Christ-



◆ Members of Troop B's clerical staff carefully wrap the presents chosen for the troop's adopted family.



◆ The children greeted Santa when he arrived with presents at their home.



◆ Santa enjoyed his time with the children.

mas that stands out in our memory as being one of the best ever for a variety of reasons. We hope Troop B made Christmas one this family will remember for years to come.

## Welcome Aboard!

The newest member of the St. Charles driver examination crew is pictured here with his trainer, DE II Julie M. Cole, Troop C.



# NATIONAL POLICE WEEK SCHEDULED

The schedule for the 2006 National Police Week, sponsored by C.O.P.S. and held each year in Washington, D.C., is as follows:

May 11 — Early arrival day.  
May 12 — Arrival and check-in; NPC-50 Team Relay race to benefit COPS.  
May 13 — National Police Survivors' Conference and C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens (1st Day); NPC-50 50K Relay Race to benefit COPS; Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.  
May 14 — National Police Survivors' Conference and C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens (2nd Day); Troopers' Tour of the Capitol for surviving families.  
May 15 — National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; picnic in the park for survivors.  
May 16 — Official departure day.

## 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of October 25, 2005 to December 21, 2005. (*Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the report to be considered for this column.*)

### Troop A

Tpr. M.P. Fennewald, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.S. Hagerty, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.T. Halford, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.K. Lilleman, 1 arrest  
Sgt. G.P. Martin, 1 arrest\*  
CVO II J.A. Meyer, 1 assist\*  
Tpr. R.B. McGinnis, 4 arrests  
Sgt. T.T. Pitts, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.D. Prim, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.W. Schubert, 1 arrest

### Troop B

Cpl. N.D. Berry, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Davidson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. McTheeney, 1 arrest

### Troop C

Tpr. N.C. Benson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.J. Keathley, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.A. Seaton, 3 arrests  
Tpr. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest

### Troop D

Cpl. B.S. Bearden, 2 arrests  
Sgt. G.L. Braden, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.T. Burgett, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. McMullin, 2 arrests  
Tpr. L.D. Stoddard, 1 arrest

Sgt. M.W. Trader, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.J. Walker, 1 arrest

### Troop E

Tpr. N.T. Bratton, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.D. Lynch, 2 arrests  
Sgt. R.J. Sanders, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.S. Stewart, 3 arrests  
Tpr. N.L. Wheeles, 1 arrest

### Troop F

Cpl. M.J. Broniec, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.A. Halford, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.D. Stegeman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D. Tauber, 1 arrest

### Troop G

Tpr. T.R. Nelson, 1 arrest

### Troop H

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 3 arrests  
Tpr. S.J. Force, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.G. McAtee, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.B. Richardson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.L. Williams, 2 arrests

### Troop I

Tpr. R.M. Shanika, 1 arrest

\*Signifies joint effort.

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The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer someone else up.

— Mark Twain



## Traffic Fatalities

Year to Date Jan. 24, 2006	Same Period Last Year Year to Date	Number of Increase or Decrease	2004 Traffic Fatalities	2005 Traffic Fatalities
54	63	-9	1130	1234

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Corporal Bradley D. Ream



**Appointed:** January 1, 1999.

**First Assignment:** Troop A, Zone 10, in Marshall, MO.

**Promotions:** Corporal—May 30, 2004.

**Current Assignment:** Assistant zone commander, Troop B, Zone 4, Putnam and Sullivan counties.

**Family:** Bradley is married to Leslie (Clinkenbeard) Ream, a native of Livonia, MO. They have four children: Trey, 11; Kelsie, 8; Haiden, 6; and Owen, 6 months.

**Interests:** Bradley enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. He also enjoys “scoring” deer racks, and is an official scorer for Boone and Crockett, Pope and Young, and the Missouri Big Bucks Club.

Bradley is a native of Unionville, MO, and graduated from Putnam County R-1 High School. After high school, he attended Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa, and was employed by Premium Standard Farms in Unionville, MO. He was appointed to the Patrol on January 1, 1999.

Bradley said he always thought Missouri state troopers were special people, and always had an interest in pursuing a career with the Patrol. Through a mutual friend, he had an opportunity to meet Sergeant Brian E. Jones (his present zone sergeant) who

encouraged him to apply for the position of trooper. Bradley says he enjoys going to work every day, and his career has been everything and more than he thought it would be.

## Criminalist III Marcy G. Stieffel



**Appointed:** July 1, 2001.

**First Assignment:** Criminalist I, Troop B Satellite Laboratory

**Promotions:** Criminalist II—June 29, 2003; Criminalist III—June 26, 2005.

**Current Assignment:** Troop B Satellite Laboratory

**Interests:** Marcy enjoys reading, computers, and yard work.

Marcy is a native of Shelbyville, MO, where she graduated from North Shelby High School. After high school, she attended Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO, where she obtained a bachelor's of science degree in biology and chemistry with a minor in math. After graduating from college, she started searching for a career when she found out about the Patrol's Laboratory and thought it would be a very rewarding and interesting job. Marcy said she has always respected the Patrol and enjoys the opportunity she has to interact with troopers and other Patrol employees. Marcy is a very friendly person and has volunteered to present information concerning the operations of the Patrol Laboratory during recent Troop B Community Alliance Programs.

## You're Invited!

The Missouri State Highway Patrol annual awards ceremony and The MASTERS banquet will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006, at the Holiday Inn Select, Columbia, MO. The awards banquet is open to all employees and their guest/spouse. In the past, the fee has been \$30 per person, and we anticipate the same for this year. The banquet usually includes a social hour, with dinner immediately following, and then the presentation of awards. If you have any questions, please contact :

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## Let's Go Golfing!

*By Sgt. R. Sam Kaiser, retired*

Plans are being made for the 35th Annual Patrol Golf Tournament. The tourney will be held at Meadow Lake Country Club in Clinton, MO, on June 12, 2006. As in the past, it is anticipated the format will be a two-person scramble. This year, retirees 60 and over will use the white tees; retirees 70 and over will use the red tees; and everyone else will use the blue tees. The number of flights will be determined by the number of participants. It is anticipated the tournament will include dinner, door prizes, prizes for most accurate drives, and prizes for closest to the pin on all par three holes. Left-over proceeds from the tournament will be donated to The MASTERS. Mark your calendar for June 12, and watch for further details in upcoming issues of the *Patrol News*.

# TROOP A ANSWERS CALL FOR HELP

By Sgt. Daniel W. Green, Troop A

On September 12, 2005, Hayden Newby, donor recruiter for the Kansas City Community Blood Center "asked" the Missouri State Highway Patrol to host a blood drive to assist with relief efforts made necessary by Hurricane Katrina. The Blood Center set our goal at 20 pints. An inter-office communication was sent to all supervisors "asking" for volunteers to donate to the worthy cause. Twelve volunteers stepped up to the challenge, a tad short of the number needed to reach the goal of 20 pints. On October 18, 2005, anyone who happened to be at Troop A was "asked" to donate to the cause! Almost everyone did so without reservation. Captain Vincent J. Ellis, Lieutenants Brian T. Deshler and D. Scott Sater (I promised Lt. Sater that I wouldn't tell anyone how queasy he was, so I won't.), radio personnel, driver examiners, commercial vehicle

officers, and civilians all stepped up to donate when "asked". By day's end, 33 pints of blood had been donated to the Community Blood Center in the name of the Missouri State Highway Patrol! All they had to do was ask!



DE Sprv. Michelle T. LeBlanc is all smiles during the blood drive at Troop A Headquarters.



Lt. Brian T. Deschler is serious about giving blood.

## We Sell Cars!

By Motor Equipment Division

Nearly every work day the Motor Equipment Division sells a used vehicle to another government agency. What most people do not know is some of our vehicles can be sold to the general public, including Patrol employees.

Section 43.260, RSMo., authorizes the sale of surplus Patrol motor equipment. It states that sales to state governmental agencies and political subdivisions will be given preference over sales to the general public. But, if after a minimum of 60 days, the vehicle has not been sold, it can be offered for sale to the general public. "General public" includes Patrol employees, except for the superintendent, assistant superintendent, bureau commanders, director and assistant director of the

Motor Equipment Division, all Motor Equipment Division supervisory personnel, and the fleet control coordinator.

Vehicles typically available to the general public include four-wheel and two-wheel drive trucks, and 12 passenger

ger vans. The vans would be ideal for churches, scout groups, or other small organizations. These vehicles have been well maintained by the Patrol garage. Each vehicle undergoes a rigorous inspection prior to being offered for sale.

If you are interested in purchasing one of our vehicles, please contact Fleet Control Coordinator Todd E. Diehl at 573-526-6147, or contact the Motor Equipment Division at 573-526-6137.



Shown are two of the types of vehicles the Motor Equipment Division has for sale.

# Fleet Management Team Earns Governor's Award

On Tuesday, September 20, 2005, Governor Matt Blunt recognized six teams as winners of the prestigious 2005 Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity in a ceremony held in the Capitol rotunda. For more than 17 years, these awards have recognized the efforts, innovation, and commitment to excellence and quality of teams in Missouri state government. This year 39 teams applied for awards in specific categories: customer service, efficiency, innovation, process improvement, technology in government and workforce planning. Mr. Larry G. Rains, director of the Motor Equipment Division at General Headquarters, was a member of the Fleet Management Team.

In the category of efficiency, the fleet management team was awarded a 2005 Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity. This team included representatives from the Office of Administration, and departments of Agriculture, Corrections, Conservation, Economic Development, Elementary and Secondary Education, Health and Senior Services, Higher Education, Insurance, Labor and Industrial Relations, Mental

Health, Natural Resources, Public Safety, Revenue, Social Services, Transportation, Missouri Lottery Commission, and State Tax Commission.

A number of attempts to establish a centralized fleet management program had failed over the past several years; however, the Fleet Management Team garnered critical legislative and top management support to implement lasting and necessary change in agency fleet practices.

The Fleet Management Team was formed to improve the efficiency of the state vehicle fleet and accomplished a number of notable achievements:

- Developed and implemented a comprehensive State Vehicle Policy
- Reduced commuting in state vehicles by 74 percent;
- Implemented uniform fleet tracking system with reporting capabilities;
- Established an accurate count of the number of state owned vehicles;

- Eliminated over 1,100 under utilized vehicles from the state fleet;
- Increased the efficiency of pool vehicles by 18 percent; and,
- Created the Trip Optimizer, an interactive web application to assist employees in determining the most cost effective mode of travel.

*(Information for this story came from the Office of Administration website. Used with permission.)*



*MED Director Larry Rains (right) accepted his award at the DPS director's November 8, 2005, staff meeting. Great job, Larry!*

## CAP Offers Citizens Learning Opportunity

**By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B**

On November 14, 2005, fourteen Troop B area residents completed a Community Alliance Program (Citizens Academy) offered by the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop B Headquarters. This is the third program of this type conducted at the Troop B Headquarters since 2001. The Community Alliance Program is a unique opportunity for citizens to gain insight and understanding of the training and many duties of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It also offers an opportunity to meet and interact with several members and employees of the Patrol. During the program, the participants met at the Troop B Headquarters in Macon, MO, for 10 consecutive Monday evenings to receive classroom and practical instruction on various topics including: firearms, traffic stops, accident and criminal investigations,

polygraph examinations, and driving while intoxicated enforcement.

The program culminated with an awards ceremony, which was held at

and sponsored by the Macon Comfort Inn. During the awards ceremony, attendees who completed the program were presented with a plaque.



*Pictured are the participants of the 2005 Troop B Community Alliance Program (l to r): front row: Gary Warren, Macon, MO; Steve Burns, Clarence, MO; Dawn Llewellyn, Macon, MO; Francine Nichols, Moberly, MO; James Collins, Lentner, MO; Reid Johnson, Green City, MO; State Representative Kathy Chinn, Clarence, MO. back row: Sgt. Brent Bernhardt; Charles West, Macon, MO; Dale Reid, Excello, MO; John Morris, Macon, MO; Floyd Owings, Brashear, MO; Roger Applegate, Shelbyville, MO. Not pictured: Lois Noland, Macon, MO; and Joan Rains, Bethel, MO.*

# Tpr. Brandon Brashear Honored

By Sgt. Daniel W. Green, Troop A

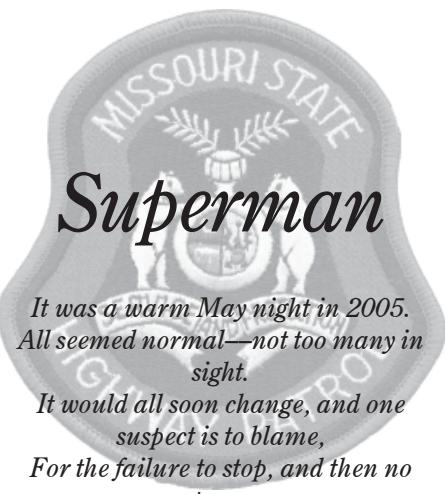
On October 18, 2005, Deputy Clerk Buffy Tomlin, of the Clay County Circuit Clerk's Office, presented Trooper Brandon J. Brashear with a poem she had written to show her appreciation for the job all troopers and fellow law enforcement officers do. Mrs. Tomlin, a former dispatcher with the Johnson



County Sheriff's Department, is married to a sergeant with the Platte County Sheriff's Department.

"The poem is also dedicated to the families and friends of all law enforcement personnel who must endure such tragedies," said Deputy Clerk Tomlin. She said she understands the countless hours and effort put into a job in law enforcement. This gift is also to show support for those who have lost a loved one in the line of duty, and to show support for the officers who still choose to do their jobs day after day and "walk the thin blue line".

*On October 18, 2005, Clay County Deputy Clerk Buffy Tomlin presented Trooper Brandon J. Brashear a poem she had written entitled, "Superman".*



*It was a warm May night in 2005.  
All seemed normal—not too many in sight.*

*It would all soon change, and one suspect is to blame,  
For the failure to stop, and then no response ...*

*The dispatchers had sensed something  
was terribly wrong.*

*"128," they called again and again.  
It did not take long for the race your way  
to begin.*

*Many fellow officers were sent your way,  
And only upon their arrival did they find  
where you lay.*

*Your body was riddled with bullets, and  
you had been left for dead.  
But, no one knew the fight you would  
give ahead.*

*Your fellow troopers, friends, and family  
rallied around,  
For they were not going to let you down.  
Tears would flow, but soon you would  
show,*

*The strength you really had ... and for  
that we are really glad.*

*Fourteen days you would spend in  
intensive care.*

*And, two surgeries so far you have fared.  
You have been hailed as, "Superman",  
And survived what few others can.*

*You are our hero, and many will say,  
It is because you risk your life each and  
every day.*

*You chose a job not many others would,  
Not only because you could, but because  
you are good.*

*You were left on this Earth, by the good  
Lord above.*

*And, you are looked upon with great  
admiration and love.  
I speak for many others when I say,  
"Trooper Brashear,  
We are glad you are still here."*

## KMBC, Association Recognizes Brashear, Jinkens, Cross

By Sgt. Daniel W. Green, Troop A

On November 8, the 2005 KMBC-TV 9/Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association Awards for Valor ceremony was held at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown Hotel. Mr. Larry Moore, KMBC-TV Channel 9 anchor and emcee for the event, presented Trooper Brandon J. Brashear with the Gold Award. Lieutenant Michael W. Cross and Sergeant Dale O. Jinkens each received a Lifesaving Award.

Tpr. Brashear was the only recipient of the Gold Award this year. This award recognized him for performing an exceptionally valorous act, far and above that which is normally expected, with great personal danger being present. Lt. Cross and Sgt. Jinkens each received a Lifesaving Certificate for their actions following



*Tpr. Brandon Brashear holds the Gold Award presented to him at the KMBC-TV/Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association Awards for Valor ceremony.*

the shooting of Tpr. Brashear on the morning of May 28, 2005. The Lifesaving Certificate recognizes a person who has performed an act that is considered meritorious in saving and sustaining a human life.

# **PROMOTIONS & RECLASSIFICATIONS**



David E. Earney  
Lieutenant  
Troop F



Andrew A. Mallery  
Sergeant  
Troop C



Corey J.  
Schoeneberg  
Sergeant  
Troop F



Jason J. Cluver  
Corporal  
Troop F



Casey A. Jadwin  
Corporal  
Troop I



Regina C. Brown  
MVI III  
Troop C



Linda Braden-  
Craven  
DE III  
Troop C



Tricia A. Faherty  
AFIS Entry Oper. III  
Q/CRID



Michelle J. Fooks  
CIT II  
Q/ISD



Rhonda K. Graham  
DE II  
Troop H



Travis L. Grant  
CIT II  
Q/ISD

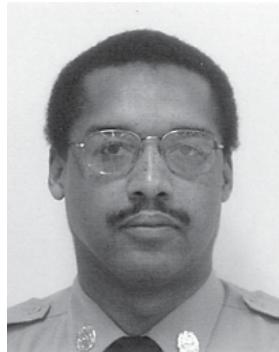


Michelle M. Green  
Traffic Safety  
Analyst II  
Q/TFD

# **PROMOTIONS & RECLASSIFICATIONS**



Holly A. Haarman  
Fingerprint Tech. II  
Q/CRID



Clevon L. Harris  
DE III  
Troop C



Stacy A. Haslag  
Info. Analyst I  
Q/DDCC



Patricia J. Herigon  
Cook Sprv.  
Q/TND



Robert K. Johnson  
DE III  
Troop F



L. Rusty Jones  
CIT III  
Q/ISD



Jared R. Kesel  
Comp. Oper. I  
Q/ISD



Linda L. Kever  
Crim. Hist. Tech. I  
Q/CRID



Justin E. Lacy  
Fingerprint Tech. II  
Q/CRID



Cristian Oros  
Comp. Oper. II  
Q/ISD



Gregory J.  
Rehagen  
Auto. Tech. Sprv.  
Q/MED



Bernadette C.  
Sieren  
Personnel Records  
Clerk II  
Q/HRD

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Dana R. Strohm  
Building &  
Grounds Maint. II  
Troop A



Lori A. Vandegriff  
Personnel Records  
Clerk III  
Q/HRD



Angela M.  
Weddington  
Radio Personnel  
Troop A



David M. White  
DE Sprv.  
Troop F



Shelly L. Wilson-  
Lagermann  
DE III  
Troop E



Troy A. Wolken  
Building & Grounds  
Maint. II  
Q/CMD

## Congratulations, Cpl. Scott!

*Lt. Brian T. Deshler, Troop A, presents Cpl. Chris Scott with a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the Missouri Peace Officers Association. The certificate was given in recognition and appreciation for Cpl. Scott's superior investigative skills and consistent high professional standards displayed in his numerous acts of police work.*



# Celebrate Black History Month!

February has been known as Black History Month since 1926. Its origin can be largely credited to Harvard Scholar Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who was determined to bring black history into the mainstream public arena. Woodson devoted his life to making "the world see the Negro as a participant rather than as a lay figure in history". Originally, he organized a Negro History Week during the second week of February 1926. This time frame was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederic Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two men who had a great impact on the black population. Over time, this week evolved into the Black History Month of today—a four-week-long celebration of African American history.

Below are some notable dates in African-American history.

## February 1

1871: Jefferson Franklin Long is the first black congressman elected to the House of Representatives.  
1902: Renowned poet and writer Langston Hughes is born.  
1962: The first lunch-counter sit-in protesting segregation occurs at a diner in Greensboro, NC.

## February 3

1903: The 15th Amendment is ratified, granting blacks the right to vote.  
1965: The University of Alabama accepts its first black student.

## February 4

1913: Rosa Parks is born.

## February 5

1934: Hank Aaron, baseball's "home run king", is born.

## February 6

1820: Blacks in the United States begin the first organized emigration back to Africa.

## February 8

1968: Three South Carolina State students are killed in a protest over segregation at Orangeburg, SC.

## February 9

1995: Bernard Harris, African-American astronaut, takes a space walk.

## February 10

1966: Economist Andrew Brimmer is appointed to Federal Reserve Board.  
1992: Alex Haley, renowned author, dies.

## February 11

1990: Nelson Mandela, South African antiapartheid activist, is released from prison.

## February 12

1909: NAACP founded.

## February 13

1970: The New York Stock Exchange admits its first black member, Joseph Searles.

## February 14

1817: Frederick Douglass is born.

## February 16

1970: Joe Frazier becomes heavyweight champion.

## February 21

1804: Minister Lemuel Haynes receives an honorary master's degree from Middlebury College, an "all-white college".

1965: Malcolm X, black rights activist, is assassinated.

## February 23

1868: W.E.B. Dubois, activist, is born.

## February 25

1964: Muhammad Ali, the former Cassius Clay, wins heavyweight boxing title.

## February 26

1928: Singer "Fats" Domino is born.

## February 27

1902: First female black lawyer, Charlotte Ray, is born.  
1988: Figure skater Debi Thomas becomes the first African-American to win a medal (bronze) at the winter Olympic Games.

## Congratulations, Sgt. Drenon!



Lieutenant Michael W. "Mike" Cross, Troop A, presents Sergeant Christopher A. "Chip" Drenon, Troop A, (left) with an MSHP "Certificate of Achievement". Troop A nominated Chip for the Masters Public Service Award in 2004.

# KQTV Honors Troop H, DDCC Members

By Sgt. Sheldon A. Lyon, Troop H

Ten troopers from Troop H and the Division of Drug and Crime Control were recognized for their efforts during the 6th Annual KQ-TV and the Northwest Missouri Law Enforcement Awards for Valor dinner. The event was held at the Fulkerson Center, which is located on the campus of Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph.

Four members of the Division of Drug and Crime Control assigned to Troop H were presented the Bronze Award for their investigative work during the Stinnett murder investigation in Skidmore, MO, in December 2005. Those recognized included Sergeant David L. Merrill, Corporal Jeffery M. Owen, Trooper Roger L. Phillips, and Trooper Bradly D. Ussary.

Sergeant Todd A. Zacher received the Bronze Award for his investigation of a double fatality in Buchanan County where an impaired vehicle operator crashed into another vehicle causing two deaths.

Corporal Kevin G. Haywood Sr. was given the Bronze Award for his actions during a pursuit near Cameron, MO, that ended in an officer-involved shoot-



(from left to right) Tpr. Brad D. Ussary, Cpl. Jeff M. Owen, Tpr. Roger L. Phillips, and Sgt. Dave L. Merrill accepted Bronze Awards.

ing. Cpl. Haywood was piloting 91MP, and joined the pursuit from the air providing valuable support in apprehending the suspect.

Four Troop H members were presented the Silver Award for their involvement in the pursuit near Cameron. The pursuit involved an armed person who had committed two robberies in Troop H. Sergeant Mark A. Ott, Sergeant Jeffrey H. Thompson, Corporal Roger A. Sherman, and

Trooper Doug S. Christmas accepted this award.

All of these officers were involved in stressful situations and handled themselves with valor. Each performed their duties beyond expectation. The Missouri State Highway Patrol continues to provide the public with the most qualified troopers, who display characteristics of which we all can be proud.



(from left to right) Tpr. Douglas S. Christmas, Sgt. Mark A. Ott, Cpl. Kevin G. Haywood Sr., Sgt. Jeffrey H. Thompson, Cpl. Roger A. Sherman, and Sgt. Todd A. Zacher accepted awards from KQ-TV at the Northwest Missouri Law Enforcement Awards for Valor dinner.

# Foundation Donates \$20K To Hayden Graham

By Cpl. Julie A. Scerine, Troop C

On November 9, 2005, Troop C was honored to have two members of The Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation arrive with an openhearted gift for Hayden Graham, the son of slain Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham Jr. The Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation was started in 1962, and is currently headquartered in New Jersey. The mission of the foundation is to provide scholarship bonds to the children of Marines or federal law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty. The foundation believes our nation's most precious resource is its youth, and they strongly encourage their spiritual, moral, intellectual, and physical development through education.

In the history of the foundation there have only been two previous state



Mr. Gary A. Keesling (left) and Mr. Thomas P. Walter (right) present Captain Ronald S. Johnson with two, \$10,000 scholarship bonds for Haden Graham, son of the late Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham.

troopers' children who have received scholarship bonds. Hayden is the third in the 43-year history of the foundation. After learning of the circumstances surrounding Sgt. Graham's ruthless murder, the members of the foundation felt his four-year-old son, Hayden, was well deserving of their scholarship.

Representatives from the Marine Corps Foundation, Gary A. Keesling

and Thomas P. Walter, presented Captain Ronald S. Johnson with two \$10,000 bonds which will mature on Hayden's 18th birthday. Since 1995, the Marine Corps Foundation has given out 26 million dollars to various funds and 15 million dollars in education bonds. The generosity and caring from others, such as this foundation, honors Patrol members and their families.

## Troop C Officers' Efforts Recognized

By Cpl. Al P. Nothum, Troop C

On November 3, 2005, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) recognized seven troopers from Troop

C at their annual "Heroes for Heroes" awards banquet, which was held in St. Louis. All were recognized for their efforts in removing intoxicated drivers from the roadways. In addition to the

honors from MADD, on December 5, 2005, the St. Louis Regional Traffic Safety Council honored Trooper Johny L. Ellsworth as DWI Enforcement Officer of the Year.



(left to right) MADD recognized Trooper W. Brad Sevier, Trooper Andrew F. Cheaney, Trooper Steven N. Foster, Trooper Edward A. Blaylock, Trooper Johny L. Ellsworth, Trooper Nathan C. Benson, and Trooper Wesley J. Moder for their success in removing intoxicated drivers from Missouri's roadways.

# Expect More From 84!

## Patrol Commissions 20 New Troopers

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy proudly certified 20 new troopers as ready for commissioning at graduation ceremonies on December 3, 2005. Pastor Jerry Frye, Church of the Nazarene, Eldon, MO, delivered the invocation and the benediction. The Honorable Michael A. Wolff, chief justice of Missouri, gave the oath of office to the new troopers. The 84th Recruit Class was commissioned with the dignity and ceremony of the 83 classes before them. After 27 weeks of intense physical and mental training, they had reached their goal to become Missouri state troopers.

"... you are now officers of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Your job is not easy. Indeed, it is often very dangerous ..." said keynote speaker Representative Rod Jetton. "I am honored to be with you today ... I want to express my commitment to you and the organization to which you now belong. As a leader of the Missouri House of Representatives, I will continue to make sure the Missouri State Highway Patrol has the resources to do the best possible job." Rep. Jetton touched on the importance of recruiting the best candidates possible for the position of trooper. He emphasized recent actions of the Missouri Legislature to raise salaries and benefits, pass the "move over" law, and toughen methamphetamine and DWI legislation. "As a former Marine, I want to leave you with the following, 'Keep your head down and your eyes open.'" Referring to the senior members of the colonel's staff, he closed by saying, "We want to see

you show up like these old gray-haired guys up here."

Both Department of Public Safety Director Mark S. James and Lieutenant Colonel William K. Seibert addressed the class. Dean Gil Kennon, Mineral Area College, conferred associate's degrees to 14 members of the class. Dean Kennon remarked that since the program began, over 300 recruits had earned degrees through Mineral Area College. Lt. Col. Seibert awarded the physical fitness, firearms, academic, and superintendent's award during the graduation ceremony.

In his benediction, Pastor Frye said, "May these young troopers realize while they serve and protect others,



they are serving You. Watch over them, protect them, give them wisdom ... discernment ... balance ... fairness ... compassion. May they all retire after a long life as leaders in the communities in which they are placed."



► Representative Rod Jetton addresses the 84th Recruit Class at graduation.

► Trooper Chad C. Clark earned the firearms trophy shooting a score of 200 out of 200. (Lt. Col. Seibert is also pictured.)

► Trooper Chad J. North accepted the superintendent's award from Lt. Col. Seibert.





① Members of the class wait attentively at the beginning of the ceremony.



① Lt. Col. Seibert congratulates Trooper Ryan D. Vaughan.

Below are the names, hometowns, and first assignments for members of the 84th Recruit Class:

Name	Hometown	First Assignment
James C. Acree*	Dawn, MO	Troop H, Grundy County
Samuel V. Buchheit	St. Ann, MO	Troop C, North St. Louis County
Chad C. Clark*	Greenfield, MO	Troop A, Saline County
Travis S. Croft	Forsyth, MO	Troop C, South St. Louis County
David C. Dingess*	Mendota, IL	Troop C, North St. Louis County
Gerald R. Fenton*	Odessa, MO	Troop B, Shelby County
Joshua V. Garrison*	Thayer, MO	Troop C, South St. Louis County
Robert L. Heldenbrand*	Gallatin, MO	Troop B, Sullivan County
William R. Koch	Quincy, IL,	Troop B, Knox County
Eric R. Kriete	Washington, MO	Troop C, Franklin County
Justin D. LeeMasters*	Walker, MO	Troop A, Cass County
Matthew B. LoMedico	Jackson, MO	Troop C, South St. Louis County
Matthew E. Morice*	Ste. Genevieve, MO	Troop F, Montgomery County
Chad J. North*	Jefferson City, MO	Troop F, Cole/Callaway Counties
Justin E. Peabody*	Springfield, MO,	Troop C, Franklin County
Justin D. Piccinino*	Nixa, MO	Troop C, Jefferson County
Scottie L. Stanley*	Carthage, MO	Troop A, Benton County
Evan L. Tyrrell	Mountain Grove, MO	Troop A, Johnson County
Ryan D. Vaughan*	Norwood, MO	Troop C, St. Charles County
Joseph A. Veasman*	Columbia, MO	Troop F, Montgomery County

\*earned associate's degrees.



② The Honorable Michael W. Wolff, chief justice of Missouri, witnessed the signing of each newly commissioned trooper's oath of office after the graduation ceremony. Trooper Eric R. Kriete is shown preparing to sign his oath.

# NEW TROOPERS: FROM PRACTICE TO PURPOSE

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

It was December 3 ... graduation day. One could feel the excitement in the air as family members gathered to see their trooper commissioned. With all the pomp and circumstance due a ceremony of this importance, the Patrol commissioned the 20 members of the 84th Recruit Class. Preparations for this day began May 31, 2005.

Ever wondered what the members of a recruit class think or feel on graduation day? I caught up with two members of the 84th Recruit Class both before graduation and immediately thereafter. Before the ceremony, Recruit Samuel V. Buchheit and Recruit Eric R. Kriete spoke of the training they'd received ...

**Rec. Buchheit:** It was difficult. But, as long as you put all the effort you had into it, it was doable. The Patrol wasn't going to lower their standards for you; you have to raise yours.

**Rec. Kriete:** It was tougher than I thought it'd be. I didn't expect some of the classes. I'll admit I was surprised at the amount of sexual harassment classes included.

**Rec. Buchheit:** And the HR classes.

**Rec. Kriete:** Stop and approach was an eye opening experience. The Academy really emphasized that this year.

**Rec. Buchheit:** That was the most applicable class we had. The instructors were really good.

**Rec. Kriete:** I was surprised that each instructor was specialized in the area in which they taught.

*What memories of training will you take with you when you leave today?*

**Rec. Kriete:** I'll remember life in the dorms. You make some good friends there.

**Rec. Buchheit:** The memories that stand out are the fellowship with other recruits. Not only did I have to study hard, everyone else did. We

helped each other. It was definitely a team effort.

*After the ceremony, the new troopers spoke with pride and confidence.*

**Trooper Eric R. Kriete:** I'm glad to be part of this organization and honored to receive the physical fitness award.

**Trooper Samuel V. Buchheit:** I feel pretty good. I'm ready to go out on the road and get to work ... very excited about the job.



● *The new troopers stand respectfully during the benediction.*

● *Members of the 84th Recruit Class salute during the Pledge of Allegiance.*

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

## 35 years ago

*January 1971* — It was reported Trooper Gary Price, Troop A, was shot in the leg when he and Trooper Ed Dayringer stopped to check on a hitchhiker near Knob Noster. The hitchhiker pulled out a gun and fired a shot at Dayringer. He missed, but turned and fired at Price, who was shot in the leg. He then fled, with the two officers returning fire. He was at large when the *Patrol News* went to press. The .22-caliber slug was removed from Price's right knee and he was on the mend according to the story.

## 30 years ago

*February 1976* — Cattle rustlers were interrupted by a farmer, who then followed their 1963 Ford, broadcasting the information on Channel 3. The rustlers lost control of their vehicle and skidded out of control down a ditch, totaling their car. Tpr. J.B. King happened to be listening. He arrived, along with a Pulaski County deputy and Tpr. William V. Cottom as backup. Twelve carloads of annoyed farmers, who also listened to Channel 3, also arrived. When the two men saw all the cars pouring into the area, they surrendered.

## 25 years ago

*January 1981* — Two new weigh stations opened in the Troop D area located on Interstate 44 in Newton County west of Joplin, MO. The article reported, "The new weigh stations are equipped with electronic Cardinal scales, and with the volume of traffic that travels through D-4, they should be a great improvement compared to the platform scale."

## 15 years ago

*February 1991* — A "Desert Shield Update" stated six more employees of the Highway Patrol had been called into active military services. This brought the total to 22.

## 10 years ago

*January 1996* — A story announced the Patrol was participating in a project with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to give child restraint seats to needy families. Public information and education officers would distribute 100 seats through the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Agencies. The seats were obtained through the IACP and the General Motors Safety Seat Distribution Program.

## 5 years ago

*February 2001* — Due to hip dysplasia, K-9 Wiko was put to sleep. He was born in Kassel, Germany and was one of the first four dogs to be used by the Patrol. Wiko found over six tons of marijuana and a ton of cocaine during his years with the Patrol.

## MADD Salutes Patrol

Madd Missouri State nominated The Missouri State Highway Patrol for the 25th anniversary organizational Law Enforcement Award in 2005. The Patrol has been honored with this nomination for many previous years. The Washington State Patrol received the award in Washington, D.C. in October 2005. However, MADD Missouri State wanted to make the members of the MSHP aware of the nomination and to salute them for their dedication in removing intoxicated drivers from Missouri's roadways.

## February

February 8	● <b>Tpr. R.W. Harper</b> died in 1987.
February 13	● <b>Lincoln's birthday</b> observed.
February 14	● <b>Valentine's Day.</b>
February 16	● <b>Cpl. H.C. Bruns</b> died in 1987.
February 16	● <b>Sgt. R.A. Guilliams</b> died in 2001.
February 17	● <b>Sgt. R.V. Sullivan</b> died in 1996.
February 20	● <b>Washington's birthday</b> observed.
February 21	● <b>Tpr. G.W. Snodgrass</b> died in 1970.
February 21	● <b>Patrol News</b> articles due.

# Joplin Diplomats Put Bumper Back On The Road

By Sgt. Kent Casey, Troop D

Approximately 12 years ago, Troop D's public information and education officer, Sergeant Larry Cooper (now retired), learned of a company in Utah that manufactured small robot patrol cars used to present safety programs to young audiences. He envisioned how one of these small patrol cars could be used to reach and teach children, some of whom feared police officers.

After obtaining the approval of then-Col. Mel Fisher, Sgt. Cooper began to seek private funding to buy a robot patrol car for the Highway Patrol. In a matter of days, the more than \$5,000 needed was secured and "Bumper The Talking Patrol Car" became a part of Troop D's Public Information and Education Section. Over the years, Bumper has visited with literally thousands of young Missourians emphasizing a multitude of safety messages including explaining the dangers of strangers, the importance of using seat belts and car seats, about not playing with guns, how to safely cross streets, bicycle safety, and stressing

the fact police officers are their friends and should not be feared.

During the years, Bumper has become very well known throughout the Troop D area. It is difficult to find an area school or Head Start facility that has not received at least one visit from Bumper. It is not unusual for local troopers to be asked by high school and college students if Bumper is still around. They remember Bumper coming to their schools and the safety messages he presented when they were small children.

As happens with all things mechanical and electrical, Bumper broke. The robot car was just worn out and had been unable to be used for about the past year. But, thanks to the efforts and money of the Joplin Diplomats Club, Bumper is back! The Joplin Diplomats Club is made up of individuals involved in the transportation and trucking industry in and around the Joplin area. It has been a supporter of the Highway Patrol for years. In 1996, the Joplin Diplomats presented the

Patrol with a small trailer to be used to haul Bumper to and from presentations. They have also provided the Troop D SERT with much need equipment when no Patrol funding was available.

When they learned of Bumper's severe problems, they offered to help. The robot car was shipped back to the manufacturer for a complete overhaul and refurbishment to the tune of more than \$3,000—at absolutely no cost to the Patrol. Bumper seems to be feeling (functioning) well now—almost as good as new. He even got a new paint job out of the deal!

For more than a decade the Joplin Diplomats Club has been a great supporter and partner of the Patrol. Their dedication toward assisting the Patrol's efforts in promoting safety to Missouri citizens is much appreciated. Having the continued support of those we serve, specifically the Diplomats, makes our job much easier and more rewarding.



*Members of the Joplin Diplomats Club surround a refurbished (and happy) "Bumper The Talking Patrol Car".*

# RETIREMENTS

## Lt. Dwight E. Heseman



Lieutenant Dwight E. Heseman retired on January 1, 2006, after 31 years of service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Dwight was born in Monett, MO, and grew up in the small southwest Missouri town of Freistatt, MO. He graduated from Monett High School in 1970, and attended Missouri Southern State College in Joplin on a basketball scholarship. He graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in education. On January 1, 1975, Dwight was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. After Academy training, he was assigned to Troop H, Dekalb County. In 1979 he transferred to Troop A at his request and was assigned to Bates County. Dwight was promoted to corporal in 1981 and transferred to Johnson County. He was promoted to sergeant in 1984, and transferred to Ray County where he was the zone supervisor of the Ray/Carroll counties zone. In 1990, Dwight was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to Jefferson City. While in Jefferson City, he was assigned to the Division of Drug and Crime Control, Professional Standards Division, and Field Operations Bureau, before being assigned to Troop F for the last nine years.

During his career with the Patrol, Dwight was a member of the Patrol's original SERT team in Troop A from 1980 to 1990. He attended the National Traffic Management Institute at Central Missouri State University and was

a pipeline/convoy and commercial motor vehicle drug interdiction instructor. While at Troop F, he coordinated many special events such as the MU football traffic detail, presidential and vice presidential motorcades, senatorial debates, and governor's mansion security during inaugurations. In addition, he was the Troop F SERT coordinator from September 2002 until his retirement.

Dwight has four children: David Heseman, Joplin, MO, Holly Haarmann, Jefferson City, MO, Donald Heseman, Lubbock, Texas, and Mahala Heseman, who lives at home. He is married to Melanie Walker from Jefferson City. Dwight's wife, Melanie, is a director with Mary Kay cosmetics. After retirement he plans to help her with the administrative portion of her business. He owns his own public speaking business as well as his own construction company. He plans to pursue public speaking, as well as build custom homes (not to mention a cabin in Colorado), build and replace decks, and do custom remodeling during the months of February through August. (September to January are reserved for full-time bow hunting.)

*Congratulations, Dwight!*

## Sr. Chief DE Dale P. Shikles



On January 1, 2006, Senior Chief Driver Examiner Dale P. Shikles retired after more than 35 years of service.

Dale began his career with the Patrol on June 1, 1970, as a Clerk III in the Auto Theft Unit of the Motor Vehicle Bureau in the Jefferson State Office

Building. On February 1, 1971, he was promoted to Clerk IV. After attending a three-week basic police course at the Academy, he transferred to Troop F in 1971, and was assigned to work the desk. He was one of the first civilians to work in that capacity. On May 21, 1972, he transferred back to the Motor Vehicle Bureau. On April 1, 1973, he was reclassified to Driver Examiner I and assigned to Troop F. Six months later on October 1, 1973, he was reclassified to a Driver Examiner II. He was promoted to Driver Examiner III on April 1, 1978. On December 1, 1981, he was promoted to a driver examiner supervisor.

On August 1, 1987, he transferred from Troop F to the Driver Examination Division at General Headquarters. He was promoted to chief driver examiner on November 1, 1987, and senior chief examiner on July 1, 1990. On December 1, 1995, he was promoted to assistant director of the Driver Examination Division. He remained there until his retirement.

Dale was born in Jefferson City and was raised near Enon, MO, where he currently belongs to the Enon Baptist Church. He graduated in May 1970 from Russellville High School in Russellville, MO. He currently lives in Jefferson City, MO.

Dale's most noteworthy accomplishments include assisting with the implementation of the Commercial Driver License (CDL) program in 1990, and the new Graduated Driver License in 2001. During his career, Dale was a part of numerous special assignments. He served on several governor inauguration details. He was a CDL instructor for the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), Central Missouri State University (CMSU), state examiners, and third party testers.

Governor Mel Carnahan appointed Dale to the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee. He also served on the School Bus Task Force Committee and testified on several bills citing incompetent drivers. He was recognized by AAMVA as a CDL test expert.

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Dale and his wife, Theresa (Thoenen), from Frankenstein, MO, are parents to five children and four grandchildren. Dale enjoys fishing, riding motorcycles, and spending time with family.

When asked what will he miss about the Patrol, Dale said he will miss the people he worked with and the relationships he developed with people in the Department of Revenue, Department of Highway Safety, Missouri Department of Transportation, and associates from other states.

The Driver Examination Division and the Patrol wish Dale and Theresa a happy and healthy retirement.

## Tech. Support Mgr. Gerard A. "Gary" Boes



Tech. Support Mgr. Gerard A. "Gary" Boes began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on April 4, 1977, as a data processing supervisor in the Operations Section of the Information Systems Division after spending six years with the University of Missouri Columbia in their Computer Center. Gary was promoted to assistant operations manager, then spent a number of years as a technical support supervisor in Systems Programming. With the advent of the Network Services Section, Gary moved there as a Data Processing Specialist II. In 1999, Gary was promoted to technical support manager of the Network Services

Section. Gary remained in that position until his retirement on January 1, 2006.

Gary graduated from Fatima High School in Westphalia, MO, in 1968. He graduated from the Control Data Institute, a technical school in St. Louis, in 1971. Gary received a degree in computer technology. He pointed out that, back then, his degree covered several programming languages as well as mainframe hardware. This is slightly different from computer technology degrees today.

Gary married Cheryl Boehm on September 15, 1978. They have three children. Craig is married to Ashley Weber from Rogers, AR. Craig works

for Automated Data Processing (ADP) as a marketing manager for large accounts for the state of Arkansas.

Ashley is a pharmacist. They live in Maumelle, AR, near Little Rock. Gary and Cheryl also have two daughters attending Missouri State University (formerly Southwest Missouri State University) in Springfield, MO. Lynn is a senior and Lisa is a sophomore.

When asked about highlights of working at the Patrol, Gary responded "technology and people". He said the technology was everchanging and that certainly kept things interesting. He mentioned, "Some of the characters at the Patrol and other state agencies I

## From Corporal To Coach Henderson Active In Boxing World

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

The *Patrol News* has learned retired Corporal W. Frank Henderson continues to coach boxers. Rated as a level three coach, he can travel anywhere with the U.S. Olympic boxing team. In November 2005, Frank traveled to Colorado Springs, CO, to an elite coach's camp. "I've been involved in boxing since age 14," he said. In the role of coach, he creates fight plans and monitors conditioning. Currently, he coaches Mike Woods, Mid-American light heavyweight champion. Woods earned the title in September 2005 in St. Louis. The match leading to Woods earning his title was called, "the fight of the year" in the boxing world. January 26, 2006, Woods defends his title.

"This spring, I'll be going to Colorado Springs to explore coaching possibilities with the U.S. Air Force Academy boxing team." Frank said the Air Force Academy's team is unique in that it only boxes against other college teams. In August 2005, he helped coordinate the "Battle of the Badges" held in Jefferson City, and sponsored by the Missouri State Troopers Association. He said he will help this year with the event and organizers are looking at Columbia for 2006.

Retired Corporal Frank Henderson is a former Marine who served as a member of the Patrol from April 1980 to June 2002. In February 2005, Frank accepted the Joe Myer Award from the Montford Point Marines Association. Great catching up with you, Frank!



*Retired Cpl. Frank Henderson coaches Darwin Price, age 16, during a match. Price is the International Ringside Champion for 2005 and the Black Expo Champion.*

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## -Boes

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have worked with over the years will always bring back great memories."

Regarding his plans for retirement, Gary said he loves all sports, especially golf, fishing, and hunting. He has numerous interests and will be exploring some of them for his next "career".

We, in ISD, will miss Gary's quiet manner and tongue-in-cheek humor. Even though he and his section are located somewhat out of the mainstream in our division, they play a vital role to the work everyone is able to accomplish. Gary's leadership will be missed. We wish him and Cheryl a long and happy retirement.

## Traffic Safety Analyst II Dixie Kliethermes



After 25+ years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Traffic Safety Analyst II Dixie Kliethermes, Q/TFD, retired on January 1, 2006.

Dixie was born in Unionville, MO, and graduated from Unionville High School. On April 27, 1968, she married Ron Kliethermes, also retired, after meeting on a blind date.

Dixie worked in the Criminal Records and Identification Division (CRID) from May 13, 1968, to May 31,

1971, before resigning to start a family. When she returned to the Patrol on February 14, 1984, she started as a video operator trainee in the Arrest Records Section of Traffic Division. She worked with the Alcohol and Drug Offense Records System. Dixie received promotions from Video Operator I to II in October 1985, and to Video Operator III in May 1987. In June 1988, she was promoted to Data Entry Operator III and became a quality control clerk in April 1999. In April 2001, Dixie was promoted to Quality Control Clerk II and became the clerical services supervisor for the Arrest Records Section on February 23, 2003. On November 13, 2005, her title changed to Traffic Safety Analyst II.

Dixie is well known for her pleasant personality and helpful demeanor. When asked what she enjoyed most about working for the Patrol, she responded, "I've always been appreciative of working for the Patrol and always strive to do the best job I can do." Dixie believes in giving 100 percent to her job.

Dixie was honored with a luncheon in the Traffic Division with family and friends on December 21, 2005. Guests were Ron Kliethermes, Becky Kliethermes, Dee Kempker, Jill Speckhals, Terry Mears, Nicole Evans, Becky Trabue, and Mandy Kliethermes.

Dixie will spend her retirement enjoying her grandson, Chase, cooking, crocheting, reading, walking, and doing some traveling with family and friends. She also plans on doing volunteer work in her spare time. Dixie and Ron have three children, who all reside in the Jefferson City area: son, Brett, is married and works at ABB; daughter, Dee, is married and works as a Clerk Typist III at Troop F, and she has a son, Chase, 2; and Becky, who works in CRID as a fingerprint technician supervisor.

The Traffic Division expresses its gratitude to Dixie and wishes her and Ron the very best in their retirement.

## Comp. Oper. Sprv. I Gary W. Holland



The Information Systems Division expresses its appreciation to Computer Operator Supervisor I Gary W. Holland, who retired on December 1, 2005. Gary began his career with ISD in March 1974. His first position was as a computer operator. Prior to his employment with the Patrol, Gary worked for the Division of Welfare and the University of Missouri. He also served his country for two years in the United States Army prior to his over 31 years with the Highway Patrol.

Numerous title changes moved Gary through the ranks in the computer room. He was promoted to data processing supervisor in May 1980, and reclassified as a computer operator supervisor in May 1982. Another reclassification made Gary a Computer Operator III in April 1990. In December 2000, Gary was promoted to Computer Operator Supervisor I, a position he held until his retirement.

Gary always has lived in Callaway County, and graduated from New Bloomfield High School in 1967. He and his wife, Linda, were married in April 1972, and they have two sons, Matthew, 25, and Nathan, 21.

In his spare time, Gary enjoys working with wood and metal, and working in his garden. He says he has no specific plans for retirement. Gary would like to express special thanks to several Patrol officers who were important in his decision to seek employment with the Highway Patrol. These

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## —Holland

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retired members are Herbert F. Thomas, Paul E. Corl, and the late David C. Thomas.

The Information Systems Division employees wish Gary and Linda a long and happy retirement. We want him to know how much he will be missed.

## Asst. Garage Supt. Norbert “Norb” L. Bax



On September 1, 2005, after 27 years of service, Norbert “Norb” L. Bax retired from the Highway Patrol’s Motor Equipment Division. Norb began his career May 1, 1978, as an Automotive Technician II. November 1, 1979, he was promoted to Automotive Technician III, and on March 1 1985, Norb was promoted to assistant garage superintendent.

While working at the garage, Norb attended numerous auto manufacturer training schools. He was assigned to several Missouri State Fair details. Norb completed a Police Instructor Driving Techniques course at Central Missouri State University and served as an instructor in several Patrol Mustang EVOC classes. He helped set up the original inventory control system for the General Headquarters Garage, and also participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Norb grew up in Osage County, and attended elementary school at

Koeltztown. He attended Fatima High School in Westphalia, MO, graduating in 1967. Norb obtained an automotive technology degree from Bailey Technical College in the fall 1968. He worked for the local Ford dealer in Jefferson City until 1975, and then worked for Poettgen Brothers garage in Jefferson City, until accepting a position with the Patrol in 1978. He is married to Terry Bax, a fiscal and budgetary analyst in the Patrol’s Training Division. Norb and Terry have two children, Lisa Hueste and Danny Bax. They also have two very spoiled grandchildren.

Norb continues to be a member of the Missouri National Guard. He first spent two years in the United States Marine Corps, serving from November 1969 to November 1971. He joined the National Guard in September 1988, and was promoted to sergeant in Au-

gust 1989. He was promoted to staff sergeant in July 1993, and sergeant first class in October 1996. In September 1988, he was assigned to the Military Academy which is now the Regional Training Institute. In March 2001, he was assigned as an instructor/writer for the Regional Training Site/Maintenance in Jefferson City.

Norb is a member of the Central Missouri Detachment Marine Corps League. He is also a member of several car clubs and volunteers raising funds for MDA through one of them. After retirement, Norb plans to continue working part-time for the National Guard. He also plans to show his classic car, do some fishing and hunting, and hopes to see some of this great country.

We thank Norb for 27 years of dedicated service to the Patrol.

## Birth Announcements



*William David, 11/14/2005*  
Tpr. Nogi H. and Lauren  
M. McDaniel  
Troop E

*Trevor Riley, 12/05/2005*  
Tpr. Nicholas T. and  
Melissa T. Bratton  
Troop E

*Brady P., 12/06/2005*  
Tpr. Tobin J. and Cara M. Hollmann  
Troop B

*Nicholas Robert, 12/16/2005*  
Tpr. Robert W. and Jennifer N.  
Schafer  
Troop D

*Aidan Joseph, 12/16/2005*  
Mr. Kyle and CIT III Hattie D.  
Prenger  
Q/ISD

*Meghan Elizabeth, 12/21/2005*  
Crim. Sprv. Martin A. and Melissa A.  
Lindenbusch  
Q/CLD

# Retiree News

## Bill Bell: Someone To Look Up To

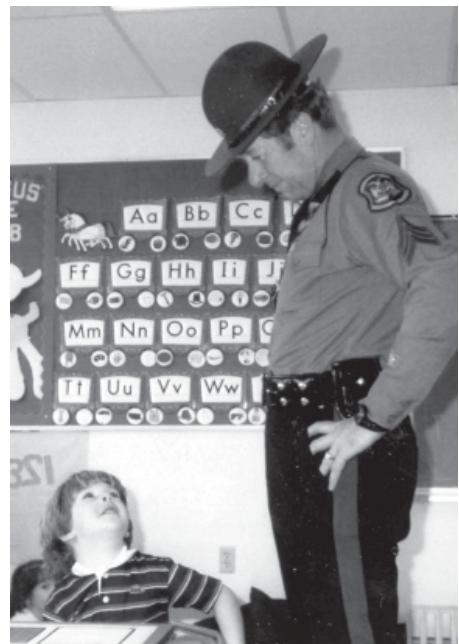
By Tpr. Andrew J. Bell, Troop A

During the fall 1981, I was a young student at Trinity Lutheran Preschool. My teacher arranged for my dad, Sergeant Bill Bell, to attend the class and speak about the Highway Patrol. I was overwhelmed with joy and pride as I saw my classmates crowd around him and ask him all the wonderful questions about a trooper's life. Twenty-four years later, I was once again overwhelmed with joy and pride. This time, my dad was being honored at the FBI National Academy fall training conference at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Retired Sergeant Bill Bell started his law enforcement career on February 1, 1963, with the Kansas City, MO, Police Department. After nearly four years of service, he resigned and began training at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy located in Rolla, MO. Upon completing his training in Rolla, he was assigned to Troop A, Clay and Platte counties. During the time he worked in his zone, he developed an interest in criminal investigations.

It was the interest in criminal investigations that got him involved with assisting Sergeant C.E. Fisher (retired colonel) with the North Kansas City Police Department. Subsequently, he became a member of the Kansas City metropolitan major case squad. On June 1, 1975, Bell was promoted to corporal and transferred to the Intelligence Investigations Unit in Troop A. He was involved in a myriad of homicide investigations, one of which was the homicide of Julie Whitmeyer. The case drew national attention after Cpl. Bell took the case file to the FBI Academy, where it became the first homicide with which the MSHP used psychological profiling.

In the spring 1978, Bell was promoted to sergeant and remained in the Investigation Unit. During September 1995, he transferred to the Gaming Division, and he retired in August 1999. That same month, Bill started working for the Missouri Gaming Commission as a background investigator, where he is currently employed.



*A young Andy Bell (now Trooper Bell, Troop A) looks up at his dad, Sgt. Bill Bell, during a classroom visit.*

Bill remains very active with the Kansas-Western Missouri Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates. He regularly attends conferences and meetings each year. He has held several leadership positions within the association, including: president, first vice president, second vice president, and chairman of the Youth Leadership Outreach Program.

In recognition of Bill's many contributions to the criminal justice profession and the example he has set professionally and personally, he is the first Missouri state trooper to be awarded the Clarence M. Kelley Meritorious Service Award. There have been only nine other association members awarded this recognition. After receiving the award, Bill said, "If there is one honor I had hoped to receive it was accepting this award."

There are not enough words to describe the joy and pride I have felt throughout the years knowing my dad. I admire his life achievements and value his fatherly advice. He is a man of honor and is my inspiration. Bill Bell is someone to look up to.



*Retired Sgt. Bill Bell (right) accepts the Clarence M. Kelley Meritorious Service Award from Director Larry Welch, Kansas Bureau of Investigation.*

# Retiree News

## Kreft Lights Up Lives Of Others

By Cpl. Julie A. Scerine, Troop C

What comes with retirement? For many, it's relaxation, visiting with family, and enjoying your free time. Retired Driver Examiner Jerry Kreft, of Union, has found retirement means being busier than he was when he was employed with the Highway Patrol. His time now is filled with antique collecting and selling, but his life is even more consumed with decorating for all the holidays—many holidays. Jerry is very proud to be the two-year Grand Champion of the City of Union, Parks Department Christmas Decorating Contest. His work has been recognized in the Missourian Magazine.

With 17 trees in his yard—each decorated with approximately 400 lights—his entire yard display yields 13,000 lights. In addition to the trees, he displays a manager scene, lighted animals, and a large snow globe. It takes several weeks for him to complete his Christmas wonderland, but knowing the joy his work gives to others makes it well worth the effort. When Christmas passes, his work is not complete. It's just on to the next holiday. Jerry finds himself decorating his entire yard with eggs and bunnies for Easter, flags and ribbons on July Fourth, and a scary funeral home and tunnel under his deck for Halloween. His Halloween display takes him three weeks to complete, and brings in over 300 kids on Halloween

night. If you find yourself in the Union area during a holiday, be sure to make a trip by Jerry's house to check out his hard work.



Retiree Jerry Kreft stays busy decorating his yard throughout the year.



## Anniversaries

*Note: The following employees are marking a notable anniversary of service with the agency.*

### February

#### 30 years

CVO II Rodger O. Thompson,  
Troop H

#### 25 years

ACTE Dawnda J. Pentlin, Troop A  
Lab. Recs. & Evid. Cntrl. Clk. III  
Sandra K. Schoene, Q/CLD

#### 20 years

Clerk Typist III Rose M. Kempker,  
Q/MVI  
Spec. Asst. Larry G. Lueckenhoff,  
Q/ISD

#### 15 years

DE III Shirley A. Frerer, Troop D  
DE Clerk III Brenda A. Spencer,  
Troop D  
CIT III Douglas A. Hamacher,  
Q/ISD  
Cook III Sharon L. Hawman,  
Q/TND

#### 5 years

Fingerprint Tech. II Holly A.  
Haarmann, Q/CRID  
Radio Personnel Roger D. Martin,  
Troop E  
Data Entry Oper. III Kimberly A.  
Bosley, Q/TFD  
Criminalist Michael S. Workman,  
Q/CLD

## March

#### 30 years

DE III Fred J. Burgess, Troop I

#### 20 years

Spec. Asst. Brent A. Miller,  
Q/BPD  
CVO Sprv. I Marlin T. White,  
Troop H  
CVO Sprv. I Danny F. Fox, Troop G  
Chief DE Mark L. Leathers, Troop I  
DE III Kenneth M. Fitzgerald,  
Troop A

Cler. Svcs. Sprv. Sandra N. Stone,  
Q/CLD

#### 10 years

DE Sprv. Patricia F. Ivey, Troop A

#### 5 years

MVI II Mark P. Belt, Troop D  
CIT III Hattie D. Prenger, Q/ISD  
Crim. Hist. Spec. III Kerry K.  
Creach, Q/CRID

# **NEW EMPLOYEES**



Faith A. Anderson  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/CRID



Shawn M. Bailes  
Criminalist I  
Q/CLD



John G. Brenneke  
Building & Grounds  
Maint. I  
Q/CMD



Paul E. Burk  
Prob. Radio Personnel  
Troop C



Jeremy M. Calfee  
DE I  
Troop H



Deidra N. Carrender  
Data Entry I  
Q/TFD



Charles E. Davis  
Fingerprint Tech. I  
Q/CRID



Daniel L. Davis  
Fingerprint Tech. I  
Q/CRID



Charles E. Dreppard  
DE I  
Troop C



Sean D. Fairchild  
DE I  
Troop F



Melanie R. Fitzpatrick  
DE I  
Troop F



Derrick Haulenbeek  
AFIS Entry Oper. I  
Q/CRID



Donna S. Henman  
DE I  
Troop H



Barbara A. Henson  
DE I  
Troop C

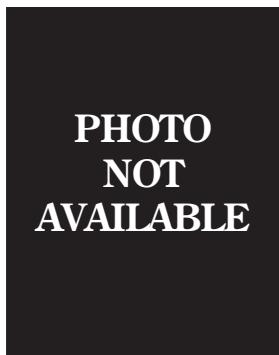


Valiere J. Hill  
DE I  
Troop C

# NEW EMPLOYEES



Carrie A. James  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/HRD



Emily S. Jimenez  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop C



Ashley B. Kloepel  
Data Entry I  
Q/TFD



Karen A. Kolieboi  
DE I  
Troop C



Judy R. Morrison  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/CRID



Marilena Oros  
Food Service Helper I  
Q/TND



Willard J. Riley Jr.  
Clerk III  
Q/BPD



Byron W. Sullivan  
Fingerprint Tech. I  
Q/CRID



Jeffery A. Wood  
Building & Grounds  
Maint. I  
Troop G

## Judge J. Max Price Named Honorary Trooper

**By Sgt. Dan J. Crain, Troop I**

On October 21, 2005, Troop I commanding officer, Captain Randy L. Becker and Troop G commanding officer, Captain Billy E. Chadwick, presented retiring Circuit Court Judge J. Max Price, with an Honorary Trooper certificate. Judge Price has presided over the 42nd Circuit, which encompasses Crawford, Dent, Reynolds, Wayne, and Iron counties, for nearly 15 years.

In his letter of recommendation, Capt. Becker noted that Judge Price had served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict, served four terms as the Dent County

prosecuting attorney, served as the city attorney for Salem, and served as an assistant attorney for the Missouri's Attorney General's Office in 1966.

Capt. Becker said Judge Price had always been a strong supporter of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and throughout his career developed many strong friendships with our members. In his letter of nomination, he also stated that Judge Price was never hesitant to help a trooper, and was very active in trying to promote civic improvements. Capt. Becker closed by stating Judge Price will certainly be missed as a loyal servant who strived to fairly and impartially interpret the law and administer justice.



*Judge J. Max Price (center), 42nd Circuit, accepted an Honorary Trooper certificate, from (left) Captain Randy L. Becker, Troop I, and (right) Capt. Billy E. Chadwick, Troop G.*

# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Commemorative Weapon Or Limited Edition Weapon

By Capt. Christian T. Ricks, Q/PIED

The 75th Anniversary Committee has struggled long and hard about which weapon the Patrol should offer to its employees and retirees as a means by which to celebrate the Patrol's 75 years of existence. We wanted to find a gun (or guns) that was affordable to all employees, available to all employees, and also would be representative of our agency. We have chosen more than one solution. To avoid confusion, this article will explain what will be offered for sale in the coming months.

The first offering is the "official" commemorative weapon, which will be a Glock model 22—the weapon currently worn by members of the Patrol. This commemorative weapon will cost about \$625-\$650 and will be engraved by OMB Police Supply out of Lenexa, KS. All employees and all retirees will be able to purchase this weapon, and will have the opportunity to engrave the top of the weapon to personalize it. OMB is working on an order form and as soon as that form is complete we will put it the *Patrol News*.

Also being offered are two limited edition weapons. NyeKass Arms out of Nixa, MO, is producing 55 Smith & Wesson model K-10 revolvers and 75 model 870 shotguns. The 55 S&W model K10 revolvers are in honor of the 55 troopers who started working the state in 1931. The 75 shotguns are in honor of the seventy-five years the Patrol has been in existence. These weapons are much more expensive and are beautifully engraved by NyeKass. You will find the order form for these two weapons in this edition of the *Patrol News*.

We may get more orders for the revolvers and shotguns than there are weapons being produced by NyeKass. Therefore, these orders will be prioritized according to a system established by the committee and the superintendent. If you wish to purchase either one of these limited edition weapons, I encourage you to get your order form in as soon as possible.

If you have questions about the weapons being ordered, please do not hesitate to contact Captain Bob Stieffermann (573) 526-6109 or Captain Chris Ricks (573) 526-6267.

## March

March 1	● Trooper and corporal evaluations due.
March 2	● Tpr. J.M. Froemsdorf died in 1985.
March 17	● St. Patrick's Day.
March 20	● Sgt. C.D. Graham Jr. died in 2005.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Items

The Missouri State Troopers Association commissary has several new items available. Each item was created with the 75th anniversary in mind. A coffee mug is \$5, a silver collector's mug is \$10, T-shirts with the logo are \$9 each. Lunch boxes designed with the anniversary in mind are expected to arrive very soon! Visit the Missouri State Troopers Association commissary at 1729 E. Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO, 65101, or call 1-800-621-5094 (Live locally? Call 573-635-5500)

**Note:** The order information for the Glock will appear in the next *Patrol News* issue. It was not available at press time.



## Remington 870 Police Magnum

This Remington Shotgun comes with a highly polished nickel and 24K gold receiver. The leftside of the receiver of this 12 gauge is adorned with etchings representing 75 years of history of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The old patrol car bears a license plate with "13", the badge number of Sgt. Ben Booth. A banner of 24K gold depicting "Celebrating Tradition" and the 75th Anniversary Logo is interlaced with a fine scroll. The right side of the receiver depicts four modern day Missouri State Highway troopers and a patrol car with the license plate bearing 223-HP, representing the badge number of Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham Jr. These scenes are carefully illustrated with a 24K gold banner "Embracing Change" and the Missouri State Highway Patrol emblem. This series is strictly limited to 75 shotguns.



**Model: Smith & Wesson**

**Model: K10**

**Caliber: .38**

**Edition Limit: 55 sets**

*Item # 0032 Price \$1,285.49 plus \$35 shipping and handling  
(\$645 deposit and the remaining balance due prior to shipping.) Ships UPS Next Day Air*

## Smith & Wesson Model K10

This .38-caliber revolver and custom etched 75th anniversary handcuffs include:

\*Custom etched 75th anniversary handcuffs available in this set only.

\*Custom 9" x 16" walnut presentation case;

\* Revolver/Handcuffs are finished in high polished nickel and 24K gold scroll. \* 24K gold banner of "Embracing Change" and Patrol emblem (right side); \* 24K gold banner of "Celebrating Tradition" and 75th Anniversary logo (left side);

\* A biography of one of the original members and letter of authenticity.

\* Limit of 55 weapons available. \*

**These Limited Edition Weapons Are Available Via A Priority System Established By The Patrol.  
If You Are Interested In Both Weapons, Make A Copy Of The Form Below & Send Separate Requests.**

Your completed form should be mailed to Capt. Bob Stieffermann at the address below by May 16, 2006. If the number of requests received is higher than the number of weapons available, a lottery system will be used to determine who may purchase the weapons. The priority list is as follows: 1) active uniformed member, 2) retired uniformed member, 3) active employees, 4) retirees. Once an individual is selected and can purchase a weapon, they will have two weeks to send their deposit to NyeKass to confirm their order.



**Please check box below.**

# 0031 Remington 870 Police Magnum, \$1,085.49 each, \$20 s/h  
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(\$645 deposit required **when selected.**) Ships UPS Next Day Air.

**Mark only one box:**

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**Mail to: MSHP, Capt. Bob Stieffermann**

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# Last Original Member Dies

## Arthur Ray Cushman

By Lt. James Ripley, Troop A

In the receding light of the late afternoon, accelerated by the shadow cast by the Rocky Mountains over the City of Denver, family and friends said goodbye to Arthur "Ray" Cushman. He was the last of the 55. They are all gone. All 55 original members are now together again for the first time since they paraded in front of the Missouri Capitol on November 10, 1931, when few outside of the Navy or Hawaii had ever heard of Pearl Harbor. The sports world still saw Lou Gehrig as the invincible "Iron Man". It was before Rhett Butler stole the hearts of women in "Gone With the Wind", when 55 brave souls left Jefferson City after receiving training in St. Louis from those who had no idea what these men would encounter. The 55 came from all walks of life. They came from the four corners of the state to become one. One by one, they left us.

Ray Cushman was born August 3, 1907, in Nevada, MO, his boyhood home. Ray was a stellar athlete at Nevada High School before enrolling at Central Methodist College in Fayette where he played football and ran track. He graduated from Central Methodist College with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1930. After college, he accepted a job as a teacher and football coach at Doniphan High School in southeast Missouri, starting his coaching career in the fall of 1930. About the same time he began his career as a teacher and coach, he learned the state was in the process of hiring personnel to create the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

As Ray stood on the practice field in Doniphan, in the fall of 1931, his practice was interrupted by the echoing voice of the school's superintendent who was approaching Ray with the Poplar Bluff newspaper in hand. The superintendent demanded to know

if Ray was going to accept the job with the Missouri State Highway Patrol as reported in the newspaper, which listed the name of each man selected. This was Ray's first notice he had been accepted. Ray stuttered momentarily as he tried to choose the right words to soothe the superintendent's emotionally charged mood. Before Ray could answer, the superintendent advised him that if he was leaving, the superintendent was going to hire his son-in-law to take Ray's place. In the depths of the Great Depression, Ray was a man who was in a position to choose between two jobs.

The original members were chosen from thousands of applicants. This process was almost solely the work of Captain Lewis Means. Ray quickly gained the favor of Capt. Means, and when the new recruits were displayed for the first time in front of the Missouri Capitol, Ray was chosen to carry the American flag. After the pomp and circumstance, the original members left—some in cars and others on their motorcycles. Ray Cushman, badge number 20, was assigned a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Originally assigned to Jefferson City and later to Columbia, Ray Cushman patrolled the large area he was assigned with pride. He and Trooper Jim McCann became close friends, and often patrolled side by side with Ray on his Harley and Tpr. McCann beside him on his Indian motorcycle. Since the Indian motorcycle had a hand clutch, Ray found, on more than one occasion, that if he reached over and released the clutch on his friend's motorcycle he could quickly accelerate ahead alone.

U.S. Highway 40 was the primary strip of endless roadway Ray favored. Having attended Central Methodist College—and being a bachelor—he



Tpr. Arthur "Ray" Cushman

occasionally directed his ride to the Fayette area just in case none of the local coeds had seen the impressive appearance of an armed man in uniform on an equally impressive motorcycle.

Ray's sergeant, Ben Booth, had been a classmate in the Academy, but had previous law enforcement experience. Sergeant Booth was a mentor and father figure to the younger officers Cushman and McCann. On June 14, 1933, Ray's life changed. Just west of Columbia near Perche Creek on U.S. 40, Tpr. Cushman was directing traffic for the highway department when a vehicle turned around on the roadway and sped away westbound. Tpr. Cushman gave chase, and when the occupants abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot, Tpr. Cushman fired his service revolver in an attempt to retard their effort to flee. Tpr. Cushman returned to Columbia to tell Sgt. Booth what had occurred and to change clothes, so he could continue his pursuit in more suitable clothing for a ground assault in the wooded area.

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When he returned to the intersection of U.S. 40 and U.S. Highway 63, he discovered his friend, mentor, and classmate Sgt. Booth had been mortally wounded along with another good friend, Sheriff Roger Wilson. Advised that the killers had fled the scene east-bound, Tpr. Cushman pushed his motorcycle to 90 miles per hour on the twisting roadway until he reached Kingdom City, with no sight of the ruthless pair who had struck the first blow of needless tragedy to the young agency and its members. Tpr. Cushman and the other members of the Patrol worked tirelessly for the next 36 hours in an unsuccessful search for the killers. Their efforts were interrupted only long enough to attend the memorial service for their comrade.

The Kansas City Massacre occurred three days after Sergeant Booth and Sheriff Wilson's murders, and the Patrol's investigation initially focused on Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Since Floyd's wife was a waitress in a restaurant in Arkansas, Capt. Means dispatched two members of the Patrol to work undercover in the area in an attempt to locate the notorious gangster. Against the orders of Capt. Means, one of the officers had taken his revolver and was arrested by the local sheriff. Capt. Means drove to Arkansas and retrieved the two original officers and subsequently sent Tpr. Cushman.

Tpr. Cushman's assignment was a secret to everyone in the area except the local postmaster, who would hand Tpr. Cushman Ruby Floyd's mail. He would steam open her mail over the radiator valve in the back of the post office. Tpr. Cushman read the mail, then glued the envelope back and it was delivered. Tpr. Cushman decided he needed a reason to be in the area and assumed the role of an appliance salesman fully equipped with brochures of ringer washing machines. As he drove the countryside focusing on the type of residences where an outlaw might seek refuge, he occasionally made a bona fide sales pitch for a washing machine. He would later recall he had no idea what he would have done if someone had actually wanted to buy one. "Pretty Boy" Floyd was later killed in a corn crib in Ohio with no sighting in Arkansas and no connection to the murders of Sgt. Booth and Sheriff Wilson.

On more than one occasion, Troopers Cushman and McCann utilized their Patrol motorcycles to obtain groceries and other items for the Booth family. Mrs. Booth could not drive and sold their vehicle to help pay expenses. Troopers Cushman and McCann decided they would each donate \$10 to Mrs. Booth, so the two Booth children would receive a Christmas gift. When their cohorts Troopers R.G. Breid and P.C. Burge learned of the intent to donate \$10 each to the Booths, they also contributed \$10 dollars each.

Ray Cushman was given a 90-day leave of absence from the Patrol to work as a recruiter for William Woods College in Fulton, MO. As the end of the 90 days approached, Capt. Means inquired of Ray Cushman what his decision would be regarding his return to the Patrol. On February 15, 1935, Tpr. Cushman left the Patrol to stay in his job as a recruiter.

Despite his career change, Ray received a postcard inviting him to the hanging of George McKeever for the murders of Sgt. Booth and Sheriff Wilson in Fulton, MO, on December 8, 1936. Ray was working as a recruiter in Oklahoma at the time, but wound a convoluted path from southwest Missouri to insure he was present for the execution. Ray parked his college-owned vehicle off the beaten path, witnessed the execution, and was out of town "before they cut him down".

Ray Cushman served in the military for five years during World War II where he attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. Ironically, Ray ended up in the appliance business after his military service. In the post-World War II era, with the country back on its feet, Ray owned and operated a Goodyear tire and appliance business in Maryville, MO, which served him well. He and his wife had two children, Ann Scott and John Douglas. He eventually sold the appliance store and

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*The MASTERS' former President Dr. Michael Elders (left) and Colonel Roger D. Stottlemyre (right) stand with Mr. A. Ray Cushman, who was a special guest at the 2004 awards ceremony.*

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went into the real estate business in Maryville. During his tenure in Maryville, he dedicated himself to community and charitable services. He was honored by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce in 1977, and received a Governor's Certificate of Merit in 1979.

Ray moved to Denver in 1982, when he married Florence Downing. In Denver, Ray became a dedicated member of the Denver Lions where he worked tirelessly raising money for Habitat for Humanity, and was on the board of the Lions Eye Institute at Fitzsimons Hospital. In 1994, at the age of 89, Ray was named the Colorado Philanthropy Day Volunteer of the Year for his work in developing Warren Village, a facility that helps single parents become financially stable and independent. In 1999, the Ray Cushman Family Center was dedicated on Warren Village's 25th Anniversary.

In May 2004, Ray Cushman returned for the Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet in Jefferson City as a guest of The MASTERS. He was the last of the 55. Ray was recognized, as part of the evening's festivities, for being one of the officers who had given money to Mrs. Booth for her children's Christmas. In 1983, after Mrs. Booth's death, her daughter, Owanna, found the note from the four troopers with the four \$10 bills still attached.

On August 3, 2005, Ray's 98th birthday, his wife, Florence, passed away after a period of illness. During the memorial service in her honor, Ray experienced discomfort breathing and was diagnosed with leukemia. On September 5, 2005, Ray sent an e-mail saying that he had found the original post card he received from Sheriff Harris Wells inviting him to the execution of the man who killed Ray's friend and mentor, Ben Booth. On September 20, 2005, Arthur Ray Cushman died.

On October 8, a memorial service was held at the Christ United Methodist Church in Denver, CO, with visitation afterward. On a table prominently displayed was a picture of Tpr. Ray Cushman on a Harley Davidson motorcycle. It was clear to everyone in atten-

dance that of all Ray Cushman accomplished, his pride in being an original member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol was at the top of the list.

The original 55 are together again for the first time since November 1931. They are not exposed to weather extremes on a motorcycle or in a convertible car. They are not asked to stop cars in the darkness without the benefit of a radio or backup. They are not asked to work minimum 12-hour days with two days off a month and be subject to calls on the two days they are off. They are not asked to go out and determine on their own who has a

record of scandalous behavior or prison life. They are not asked to go out and create a legacy that future generations would be proud of. There are no egos to cloud the facts. Any fear they felt they could never discuss or allow to be seen is their secret. Though 55 together they were the first. When they went out, they were alone. A single Missouri state trooper attended Ray's service on October 8, representing an entire department ... just as those 55 did when they went out into the world in 1931.

## Troop A Honors Mr. Johnson's Lifesaving Actions

*By Sgt. Daniel W. Green, Troop A*

On April 28, 2005, Trooper Mindy Gordon was advised by Troop A radio of a wrong way driver westbound in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 70 in a construction zone. Upon her arrival, she observed a passenger van had struck a concrete traffic barrier before entering the construction zone and was totally engulfed in flames. Tpr. Gordon then observed a pickup with two subjects parked on the right shoulder approximately 35 feet from the burning van.

She contacted Mr. Arlie Johnson, who said he was eastbound on Interstate 70 when he noticed something in the median on fire. Mr. Johnson said as he got closer, the fire was getting bigger. He parked his truck on the right shoulder, ran over to the van, and saw the driver's door was partially open. When he opened the door completely, he saw the driver, Mr. James Martin, sitting in the driver's seat with no seat belt on. Mr. Johnson said the driver was incoherent, and unaware the vehicle was on fire. He then pulled the driver out and lay him on the ground next to the van, before checking for other occupants. After determining no one else was in the van, Mr. Johnson returned to the driver and pulled him across eastbound Interstate 70.

Tpr. Gordon nominated Mr. Johnson for the award of "Honorary Trooper" because he placed himself in immediate danger by pulling Mr. Martin out of the burning van. Ultimately, Mr. Johnson saved Mr. Martin's life.



*Mr. Arlie Johnson (left) accepts an Honorary Trooper certificate. Also pictured are Tpr. Mindy Gordon (center), and Captain Vincent J. Ellis, both of Troop A.*

# DEATHS

## James L. "Jim" Englehart



Retired Major James L. "Jim" Englehart, 76, of Jefferson City, died Tuesday evening, December 13, 2005, at the Heisinger Bluffs Nursing Center.

Jim was born July 22, 1927, in Morley, MO, the son of George D. and Berniece Foster Englehart, both deceased. He was married on May 15, 1948, in Leadwood, MO, to Doris Lee Mosier, who survives at the home.

He graduated from Leadwood High School and the Flat River Junior College prior to attending the University of Missouri at Columbia. Jim served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He graduated from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy in October 1949.

He served as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 38 years before his retirement in 1987. During his employment with the Patrol, Jim served in St. Louis County, St. Francois County, Rolla, Springfield, and Jefferson City. He served as Troop F's commanding officer from 1979 until 1982, and as a major and district commander at General Headquarters from 1982 until 1987.

He was a member of the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Club of Springfield, MO; the Masonic Lodge No. 213, Rolla, MO; the York Rite Masonic Bodies, Rolla, MO; the Capital Shrine Club; the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie 2693; the Jefferson City Optimist Club; Ducks Unlimited; the International Association of Chiefs of Police; the International Association of State and Provincial Police; the Missouri Chiefs of Police Associa-

tion; the Missouri Association of Retired Persons; the Missouri Highway Patrol Quarter Century Club; The MASTERS; the American Association of Retired Persons; the American Legion, Roscoe Enloe Post 5; and the Central Missouri Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Other survivors include: two daughters, Jan Petty and her husband, Rick, of Jefferson City; and Gina James and her husband, Bobby, of Republic, MO; one brother, Stephen Englehart, of Los Angeles, CA; four grandsons, Ryan Petty, Scott Petty, Jermey James, and Justin James; one sister-in-law, Myrene Englehart Duncan; five great-grandchildren; three nieces; and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Gene D. Englehart and one sister, Betty Jean Englehart.

A memorial service was held Saturday, December 17, 2005, in the Freeman Chapel with the Reverend Mark Dumas and the Reverend Chris Dumas officiating. Private graveside services and entombment with military honors were conducted in the Mausoleum of Riverview Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Crippled Children Hospital, St. Louis, MO, or to the First United Methodist Church in Jefferson City.

## Vincil E. Maxey



Vincil E. Maxey (known as "Maxey"), 92, of Lake Ozark, MO, died October 19, 2005, at the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia. He was born on May 25, 1913, in California, MO, a son of the late Edgar and Grace Draffen Maxey. Maxey was married on July 31, 1945, to Sarah June Rudder.

Maxey started his career as a civilian employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol in August 1940. He became a trooper on May 12, 1941, after receiving training "while a civilian employee at General Headquarters". He was first assigned to Troop C, Kirkwood. Maxey served as a lifesaving and water safety instructor in June 1944, at a retraining school in Osage

## Thank You

My family and I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, flowers, and visits after Sally's death. Words cannot express the depth of my appreciation for the 13 years of support I received while she was ill.

Sincerely,  
Sgt. Reggie Walker and Megan,  
Troop E

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memorials to Harper Chapel and the American Heart Association in memory of my husband, retired Lt. Col. Vincil E. "Maxey" Maxey.

Sincerely,  
June Maxey and family

I want to thank everyone for their expressions of concern following my father's passing. The cards that were sent meant so much to me and were very comforting. Thank you for every act of kindness you showed to my family and me. I'm so blessed to have coworkers/friends like you.

Sincerely,  
MVI III Nancy J. West  
Troop D

My family and I would like to say thank you to all of our friends for the cards, phone calls, prayers, and

# DEATHS

## Emmett Welch Jr.



Beach, MO. He attended retraining schools in Cuivre River and in Sedalia.

In 1947, he was promoted to sergeant and remained assigned to Troop C, Zone 1. In 1949, he was transferred to Zone 4, Flat River, and designated zone sergeant. In 1958, he was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to Troop C Headquarters. He attended the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville in Louisville, KY, from January 27, 1958 to February 7, 1958. His studies there emphasized police administration. In 1959, Maxey served as an instructor at the Police Officers' School in Rolla. Road blocks, techniques of patrolling, and traffic direction were subjects he taught.

In 1966, he transferred to Troop A, Lee's Summit, as an enforcement lieutenant. On November 1, 1966, Maxey was promoted to captain and assigned as the commanding officer of Troop A. In 1967, he attended the Northwestern University Supervisory and Command Schools through the Training Academy in Rolla. During the 1968 Kansas City riot, Maxey was the task force commander. He was promoted to major and assigned to General Headquarters on November 1, 1969, and to lieutenant colonel on February 1, 1973. Maxey retired from the Patrol in July 1973, after 34 years of dedicated service.

Maxey was also a member of the Masonic Lodge # 152 in Linn Creek, MO, and a member of the Harper Chapel United Methodist Church in Osage Beach.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah June Maxey, of the home; one son, Robert Ray Maxey and his wife, Carol, of Las Vegas, NV; one granddaughter, Paula; and two great-grandchildren, Amanda and Josh. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one grandson, Scott; and one brother, Ray.

Memorial services were held Monday, October 23, at the Harper Chapel United Methodist Church with Rev. Jim Bryan and Rev. Jim Dace officiating.

U.S. Marine Corps, having served in World War II. He joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol on May 25, 1958, and retired as a corporal on September 1, 1981. He was stationed in Jefferson County (Ava, MO, and Festus, MO) until he transferred to Willow Springs, where he retired. He attended the Island Creek Baptist Church in Milledgeville, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Crystal City, MO.

Survivors include: a son, Stephen Welch, of Minneapolis, MN; two daughters, Sandra Davis, of Atlanta, GA; and Barbara Hense of St. Louis, MO; two sisters, Katherine Crider and Ruth Bayless, both of Farmington, MO; and 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be sent to P.O.A.G., P.O. Box 1040, Reidsville, GA 30453 or to The MASTERS, 5287 Hwy 67 N., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Ret. Telecom. Emmet L. Poindexter - daughter	Sgt. George W. Hamilton (Q/GD) - stepfather
Clerk IV Christopher L. Terry (Q/BPD) - grandmother	Sgt. Brenda L. Cone (Q/DDCC) - mother
Tech. Support Mgr. Dianne E. Ruettgers (Q/ISD) - grandfather	Sgt. Kent C. Casey (D) - father-in-law
Prob. Radio Personnel Lela A. Wood (F) - grandfather	Ret. Lt. Col. Morris E. Patrick - mother-in-law
Cpl. Charles M. Dempsey (C) - mother	CVO I Jeffrey R. Sims (C) - father-in-law
Sgt. Matthew R. Renshaw (E) - mother	Clerk IV Carlene F. Waller (B) - father-in-law
Personnel Rec. Clerk II Bernadette C. Sieren (Q/HRD) - father	CVO II Jimmy D. Reid (I) - sister
CRID Svcs. Coord. Theresa A. Huhn (Q/CRID) - grandfather	Ret. Sgt. Thomas W. Hoffman - father
Tech. Support Mgr. Mark A. Huhn (Q/ISD) - grandfather-in-law	Ret. Senior Sec'y Delena F. Snider - mother
Tpr. Ryan S. Smith (B) - father	Ret. DE III Joe B. Snider - mother-in-law
Spec. Asst. Vicky M. Hees (Q/PSD) - uncle	Cpl. Barry M. Logan (Q/GD) - father
Lt. Gregory D. Mason (Q/TND) - mother	Ret. Major Gary E. Whitener - father
Asst. Garage Supt. Paul R. Becker (Q/MED) - father	DE II Mary A. Hollmann (C) - father
Spec. Asst. Jennifer L. Becker (Q/FOB) - father-in-law	MVI II George J. Hollmann (C) - father-in-law
Tpr. Eric W. Hackman (G) - grandmother	Lead Radio Personnel Robert S. Chaney (G) - mother
MVI III Nancy K. West (D) - father	DE II Rhonda K. Graham (H) - grandfather, uncle
	CVO II Troy F. Graham (G) - grandfather-in-law, uncle-in-law
	Ret. Director of Radio Donald L. Johnson - mother
	Ret. CVE Kenneth L. Jones - wife

# KCPD APPLAUDS PILOTS' ACTIONS

*By Sgt. Daniel W. Green, Troop A*

On September 2, 2004, members of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department's 1010 Homicide Squad were called to 2609 Montgall on the report of two dead bodies having been discovered in a garage. On September 3, 2004, dispatchers received a call from an anonymous male who said he wanted to report a dead body at 29th and Park. On September 4, 2004, dispatchers received another call from a man who said he wanted to report two more dead bodies. The caller said de-

tectives could find the remains at 2431 Prospect and at 2745 Olive. Detectives responded to both locations and found two additional, decomposed bodies.

On September 5, 2004, a task force including members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, was created to investigate the homicides believed to be committed by a serial killer. Lt. Gregory L. Word was contacted by the Terry Blair Task Force for assistance with the delivery of criminal and mental evaluation information from the

State Correction Facility in Fulton, MO. The information was gathered and flown to Kansas City by Cpl. Jeffrey G. Noack. The delivery of Blair's criminal and mental evaluation information was instrumental in helping investigators develop an understanding of Terry Blair prior to their interview with him. The efforts of the task force led to the filing of eight first degree murder charges, three forcible rape charges, and one count of first degree assault against Terry Blair.

On November 15, 2005, on behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners, Kansas City, MO, Police Chief James D. Corwin presented Certificates of Appreciation to Lt. Greg Word and Corporal Jeffrey G. Noack for their assistance on the Terry Blair Task Force.



*KCPD Chief James D. Corwin (far right officer) expressed his appreciation to Lt. Greg Word (left) and Cpl. Jeff Noack (right) for their assistance in delivering crucial information to the Terry Blair Task Force.*

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